

FEB 16, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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coming to know  
the kingdom of God  
by being Christ  
to the world.

## NOTES FROM DEB

Greetings all,

In recent weeks the news out of Washington has been chaotic and sometimes even frightening. From draconian cuts to organizations including Catholic Relief Services to ending the Department of Education, the news can be most anxiety-producing.

It is easy to be carried away by the troubles in the news each day. While we need to be informed and politically active, getting overwhelmed doesn't help anyone—including ourselves.

I recently shared this prayer based on one by Lutheran pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber in a Wednesday table reflection. I offer it to you again. Let's stay grounded and prayerful as we journey together.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

Dear God,

All I can think to say, is please guide my attention to that which is worthy of it. When I am overwhelmed by everything that has to get fixed in this broken-down world, show me what is mine to do then please give me the strength to do it and the humility to rest afterwards.

Open my eyes to behold that which is hopeful and lovely and to know that the terrifying and malicious will always be there and that looking away for a moment is not callus, it's calculating.

Guide my attention to that which is worthy of it: making art, cooking food, loving people, and doing the work that is mine to do.

In your holy name, Amen.

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### EUCCHARIST:

**SAT** 4:00 PM

**SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

**WED** 9:30 AM

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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Parish Support - February 2025

	ACTUAL <i>as of 2/9/25</i>	BUDGETED <i>for February</i>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$18,946.34	\$65,416.67
Offertory .....	\$630.41	\$3,333.37

### Budget Updates Fiscal Year: February 9, 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income .....	\$664,362.02	\$645,372.90
Op. Expenses .....	\$518,891.37	\$615,319.72

### Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/24..	\$169,666.89
Donations.....	\$246,718.76
Expenses.....	\$86,062.23
<b>Balance (2/9/25)</b>	<b>\$330,323.42</b>

THANK YOU!

*Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly blessed with your continued generous support of all our ministries!*

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 16

8:00 am Liturgy (Schramm)	Church
9:00 am GIFT	Hall
10:30 am Liturgy (Jurkus)	Church

### Monday, February 17

1:00 pm Sheepshead Group	Rm 10
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### Tuesday, February 18

10:30 am SVDP Mtg.	Rm 3
6:30 pm Faith Sharing Group	Rm 3

### Wednesday, February 19

9:00 am BAAM Mtg.	Hall AB
9:30 am Liturgy	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall C
6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg.	Rm 3

### Thursday, February 20

3:30 pm Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
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### Friday, February 21—Office Closed

### Saturday, February 22

<i>La Causa Collection</i>	
4:00 pm Liturgy (Lewis)	Church

### Sunday, February 23

<i>La Causa Collection</i>	
8:00 am Liturgy (Marco)	Church
10:30 am Liturgy (Cooper)	Church

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Wednesday Faith Group

All are welcome to join the Wednesday Faith Group on February 26 for the 9:30 am Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship in the Hall. Following this community time, at 10:45 am, Sr. Diane will give a presentation on her experiences in Nogales, Mexico. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

### Grief Support

The Walking Through Grief Together Group will meet twice next month, March 1 and March 15 in Room 3 starting at 11:00 am. No need to register. This group provides a safe setting for sharing and support with others going through loss.

## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.

Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.

### Upcoming Food Pantry Dates: February 25, March 11 and 25

Most needed items: canned creamed soups, facial tissues, and baked beans. Thanks for your ongoing support to the pantry. It is because of you that we can provide food to the needy. God bless.

Please watch expiration dates.

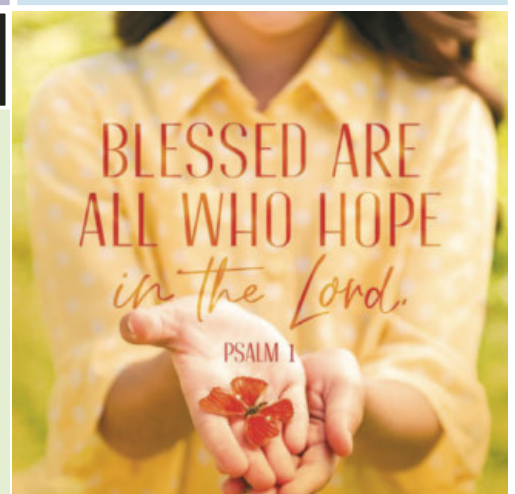
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## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Resilience

Resilience is the strength of spirit to recover from adversity. When we experience disappointment, loss, or tragedy we find the hope and courage to carry on. Humor lightens the load when it seems too heavy. We overcome obstacles by tapping into a deep well of faith and endurance. We create new memories. We don't cower in the face of a challenge. We engage fully in the dance of life.

The blessings and woes in the Gospel hold powerful messages. How can we apply that to those difficult experiences that occur in our world? Can you find a way to make a difference?



## SPOTLIGHT

### Unsung Disciples: Sharers of the Word

A parishioner recently shared that she chooses to be a lector because “it allows me to more fully participate in the Mass.” Another noted, “It’s a way of sharing gifts I’ve been given.” These two lectors are among 35 parishioners who read at liturgies and special services throughout the year. Nancy Short, who skillfully coordinates the sign-up and assignment of these volunteers, believes that a successful lector has “the ability to share a story like a storyteller so the listeners can understand the message.”

Lectors receive basic training; prepare with a workbook that offers theological insights, pronunciation tips, and phrasing recommendations; and find inspiration from other lectors. If you would like to share your gifts and join this band of storytellers of the Scriptures, please contact Nancy Short.

Judeen Schulte, Pastoral Council

## FORMATION

### Confirmation Retreat

Our Confirmation candidates will be on retreat February 22-23. They’ll join us for the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers as they deepen their faith and prepare for this important step in their spiritual journey.

### The Parish Library Has Something For You

Check out the parish library outside Deb’s office. Books are changed weekly and explore a variety of topics that are relevant to our faith including spirituality, prayer, social justice, biblical studies, biographies, poetry, stages of life, novels, and children’s books. We have something for every taste. Simply take a book and return it when you are finished. Deepen your discipleship by learning more.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Stations of the Cross—Being a Synodal Church

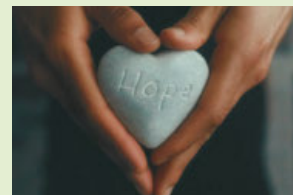
Friday, March 7  
6:30 pm  
Zoom

Join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross this Lenten season. This opportunity is online, via Zoom, from the comfort of your own home. The theme will be “Being a Synodal Church.” The online presentation will begin at 6:30 pm. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Register on the Discipleship Institute web page at [ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/](http://ololmke.org/discipleship-institute/) or call the Parish Office.

This is an excellent opportunity to begin the Lenten season reflecting on Christ’s love for us and how we must reflect that same love as His disciples.

## WORSHIP

Beginning March 6, we will offer five consecutive weeks of opportunities for prayer entitled “Lenten Hope: An Evening Prayer Service.” They will occur on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. These services will be music-centered



and will include a brief reflection on scripture, focusing on a theme of hope across the five weeks. The services will be contemplative, uplifting, and brief. The church will open early on those evenings at 6:00 pm for those who would like to silently pray prior to the service. The church will remain open after the service from 7:00 pm–7:30 pm to allow another optional time for silent prayer. Please come join us.

### Scripture Readings for February 22/23

#### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | Psalm 103 |  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49 | Luke 6:27-38

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# Collection - La Causa Crisis Nursery

## February 22, 2025 - March 2, 2025

For over 30 years, the Crisis Nursery & Respite Center (CNRC) has kept children safe from abuse and neglect. It is a lifeline for families in crisis.

The CNRC is a 12-bed shelter and a free resource to the community. It is the only facility of its kind in Wisconsin, providing a safe haven to children age birth to 12 as families face homelessness, domestic violence, medical needs, or other emergencies.

The Human Concerns Committee asks your help to fulfill their needs. They are looking for donations of new, unopened supplies from the following:

Diapers sizes 4 / 5 / 6 - and - Wipes (these are always the most needed)

Pull Ups

Baby Soap

Toothbrushes (both for children under 2 and older youth)

Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent

Hair Brushes and Combs

Please drop off your donations in the bins at the West and East Entrances.

Thank you!!

LOL is always so generous. Your contribution can help save lives!

For more info visit their website <https://lacausa.org/crisis-nursery-respite-center/>